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SUBJECT: LOS: EASTERN PACIFIC FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS

REF: STATE 139420

1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES DEPARTMENT'S DETAILED SCENARIO FOR
EASTERN PACIFIC FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS CONTAINED REFTEL.

2. BEFORE RAISING MATTER WITH FONOFF, WOULD APPRECIATE
REACTION TO THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS. WHILE
WE AGREE WITH VIEW CONTAINED PARA 1 REFTEL THAT ECUADOREANS
ARE SENSITIVE ABOUT ANY APPROACH WHICH GIVES THE APPEARANCE
OF A BILATERAL AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S., THE DEPARTMENT'S
SCENARIO WOULD NOT APPEAR TO RUN THAT RISK SINCE IT IS SO
CLEARLY MULTILATERAL AND COULD BE PRESENTED TO ECUADOREANS
AS SUCH. WE THEREFORE BELIEVE THAT AMBASSADOR CLINGAN
WOULD BE WELL RECEIVED HERE SHOULD HE DECIDE TO COME
AS PART OF HIS PLANNED TRIP THROUGH NICARAGUA, COSTA
RICA, PANAMA AND COLOMBIA IN JULY. IN ADDITION TO BEING
WELCOME HERE IN THE CONTEXT OF LOS CONSULTATIONS AND
REGIONAL FISHERIES DISCUSSIONS, CLINGAN'S VISIT TO
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QUITO WOULD HAVE THE ADDED ADVANTAGE OF RENEWING DIRECT

CONTACT WITH THOSE MOST RESPONSIBLE FOR LOS POLICY WITHIN THE GOE. WHILE WE HAVE THE HIGHEST REGARD FOR CARDENAS AND HIS CAPABILITIES, HE IS NOT RPT NOT AS DEEPLY FAMILIAR WITH INTRICACIES OF GOE LOS POLICY AS THOSE WORKING DIRECTLY ON THE SUBJECT HERE IN QUITO. WE ARE ALSO CONCERNED THAT THE REPORTS HE SUBMITS TO GOE OF HIS CONTACTS WITH US MIGHT MISS SOME OF THE CRITICAL NUANCES. FINALLY, ON ISSUE OF SUCH MAJOR POLICY SIGNIFICANCE FOR GOE AS A POSSIBLE REGIONAL FISHERIES ACCORD, WE THINK IT IMPORTANT FOR HIGH LEVEL U.S. LOS NEGOTIATORS TO EXPOSE USG POSITION DIRECTLY TO GOE POLICY MAKERS HERE AS FREQUENTLY AS POSSIBLE. IF CLINGAN WERE TO VISIT QUITO AGAIN, THIS WOULD PROVIDE EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR HIM TO CONSULT DIRECTLY NOT ONLY WITH FOREIGN OFFICE BUT ALSO WITH MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES WHICH IS SURE TO HAVE MAJOR VOICE IN ANY FINAL AGREEMENT WHICH MIGHT BE REACHED.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY THEREFORE RECOMMENDS THAT AMBASSADOR CLINGAN PLAN A TWO OR THREE DAY STOPOVER IN QUITO AS PART OF HIS JULY TRIP. EMBASSY WILL DEFER APPROACH TO GOE REQUESTED IN PARA 9 REFTTEL UNTIL WE HAVE HEARD DEPARTMENT'S REACTION TO FOREGOING PROPOSAL.

4. PLEASE ADVISE.
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